

## The Weekly Banner.

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THERE are said to be six million miles of telegraph wire in use in the world at this time.

THE United States Supreme Court has postponed the hearing of the Texas anti-trust cases.

THE wholesale oyster trade of New York amounts to between \$25,000,000 and \$30,000,000 a year.

MARTIN IRONS, king bee of the Knights of Labor in 1886, is now engaged in organizing social democracy clubs in Navarro county.

GEO. M. PULLMAN, the sleeping car magnate, died at his residence in Chicago on last Tuesday morning of heart disease.

THE mayor of St. Louis has refused to permit anarchists to hold public meetings in that city, which goes to prove that he carries a level head.

Of the thirty-eight sultans who have ruled the Ottoman empire since the conquest of Constantinople by the Turks thirty-four have died violent deaths.

THE report current last week that President Diaz, of Mexico, had ordered Mac Stewart, who is confined in jail at Parol Mexico, charged with killing a policeman, to be shot on November 3rd, is denied.

AN Ohio man was arrested in New York last week for wholesale swindling. By changing figures on checks he is said to have stolen \$400,000 in the last four years.

LAWYERS are multiplying in this country at the rate of 10,000 annually, or rather, graduates of law schools are increasing at that ratio. Not all of them, however, can be called lawyers, except by professional courtesy.

BOSTON has declared war on the treating system. A party of prominent men met at a hotel to form a club whose most prominent by-law is a provision which absolutely forbids any member to pay for another's drinks.

A SEVEN-FOOT vein of exceedingly rich gold ore has been struck in the Red River mine at Acton, Cal. The vein is sprinkled thickly with free gold. The report said that there appeared to be tens of thousands of tons of the richest ore ever struck in that part of the state.

THE postoffice department at Washington has adopted a policy of general extension of the money order system. Complaints have been constantly filed by business houses that their correspondents at villages are unable to send money orders because their post offices have no such facilities.

It seems almost like profanation to build a railroad upon the holy ground where Moses is said to have received the commandments of the Almighty, but a line of railway from the Red sea to the top of Mount Sinai is contemplated and a few years hence probably it will cause no more comment than any other road anywhere else.

THE new Texas game law is a daisy, says the Pleasanton Monitor. If a man were to meet a wild goose or a duck in the road and were to jump at it and scare it to death, or if he were to knock it on the head with a stick or shoot it with his pistol, he would violate the law. They can only be killed legally with a gun capable of being held to the shoulder. The boys are denied the delicious sport of catching partridges in the traps or nets, and the silk stocking fellows can't shoot them until after October 1.

Counting all classes of reserves, Germany can in 24 hours raise an army of 4,000,000 disciplined men.

### THE NEGRO IN POLITICS.

The following, from a recent issue of the Lafayette (La.) Gazette, shows the trend of public sentiment in the south after thirty-odd years experience with the negro as an enfranchised citizen:

"The negro will never control the politics of this State, because the Democratic party won't let him, but he is a factor nevertheless, and those who tell us that the race issue is used by designing men to frighten weak-minded voters are not speaking the truth. What caused the trouble in St. Landry Parish last year? It was the negro vote and nothing else. It is an undeniable fact that in several parishes in this State the negroes hold the balance of power, and so long as a single parish is at the mercy of corrupt and ignorant negroes it is pure nonsense to call the race issue a political spook. In some parishes the effectual method of the shotgun had been employed to rid the election of the degrading influence of the darkies, while in others means less honorable and manly have been resorted to by the whites to insure Caucasian rule.

"In our opinion bulldozing is better than a dishonest ballot. One is manly, and the other is despicable and low. Tell a negro he can't vote but don't advise him to go to the polls and then steal his vote. That's bushwhacking, a form of warfare popular among greasers and jayhawkers. But there is still a better way to purge our politics of the contaminating presence of the black voter. It is legal disfranchisement. Bulldozing begets disorder and brings the law into contempt.

"A dishonest ballot is demoralizing, corrupt and debauching and detrimental to every interest of organized society and civilized government. Either method may bring temporary prosperity and peace, but just as sure as there is a supreme ruler who presides over the destinies of nations, either will act some day as a boomerang. What is needed, and very much needed is an organic law that will disfranchise, on an enduring basis, the mass of ignorance which, despite the asseveration of our optimistic friends, is a continuous menace to good government. The great work of settling this vexing question will be intrusted to the men who will compose the constitutional convention next February, and let us hope that they will have both the inclination and ability to settle it fairly and well."

POPULAR excitement regarding the finding of gold in the Klondike region has measurably subsided, as the result of better knowledge regarding the difficulties of obtaining the precious metal. But it is likely to break out afresh next spring, and it is also likely to tempt men out of legitimate business into adventure. There is a peculiar bent in human nature which prompts men to get rich quickly, and while experience teaches that the only reliable road to fortune is that of industry, manufacture or trade, the Klondike fever seizes the strongest and completely upsets them. The injury done by the finding of a few fortunes in the Yukon Valley to the business world, by way of unsettling otherwise contented men, is incalculable. Next spring there will be an unprecedented rush to the gold field, and it will afford striking proof of the instability and weakness of the young men of this generation, whose ambition ought to be satisfied in the pursuit of the ordinary aims of business, without the chasing of a dream.

### A Wonderful Discovery.

The last quarter of a century records many wonderful discoveries in medicine, but none that have accomplished more for humanity than that sterling old remedy, Brown's Iron Bitters. It seems to contain the very elements of good health, and neither man, woman or child can take it without deriving the greatest benefit. For sale by R. E. Luhn, Sole Agent.

### STATE NEWS.

—Hearne is to have electric lights.

—The Santa Fe shop forces have been increased at Cleburne.

—A Luling man is experimenting with mesquite beans as cattle food.

—John Keys was knocked down on Main street in Belton last Monday night and robbed of \$80.

—The general offices of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe railway have been moved back to Galveston.

—The Texas Farm and Stock Journal has moved its office of publication from Fort Worth to Dallas.

—The 9-year-old son of J. T. Levy, of Cleburne, was kicked by a horse and instantly killed last Saturday.

—Spinal meningitis has appeared among the horses in Galveston and is proving fatal in almost every case.

—Charbon is raging in epidemic form among the horses at Velasco, about a dozen horses having died of the disease.

—Navasota's fair grounds were sold at auction last Tuesday to satisfy a mortgage indebtedness against the association for \$1,255.75.

—Fort Worth has granted the Postal Telegraph company permission to establish and erect lines along the streets in that city.

—The Santa Fe officials are discussing the advisability of erecting a new office building in Cleburne in the new yards, to be occupied by the superintendent, train dispatchers, etc.

—Over forty head of horses have died in the vicinity of Velasco last week from an epidemic of meningitis or charbon which is raging among horses in that section.

—Near McKinney Wednesday evening the 3-year-old daughter of Bud Lane fell in front of a loaded wagon, the wheels passing over her body, causing death in 15 minutes.

—Capt. John Sessums, of Houston, has organized a new colored military company of 35 men to be known as the Erichson Cavalry, in honor of Sheriff Erichson, of Harris county.

—Henry Aycock who, some six years ago was foreman of this office, was shot in the left side by Emerson Barbee, at Greenville, and seriously wounded. A dispute over a business settlement is given as the cause. Emerson was released on a \$1,000 bond.

—The Southwest Texas fair association will hold their annual exhibit at Victoria on November 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th, and promise to make it the largest and best fair ever held in Southwest Texas. Many good horses are coming and the races promise to be fine.

—Dr. Folsetter, Veterinary Surgeon of the State Sanitary Board, has been making a number of investigations and autopsies of the disease that has proven so fatal to horses in the vicinity of Alvin, and has arrived at the conclusion that the disease is spinal meningitis, caused by a peculiar kind of grass containing a great amount of argat.

—The handsome new Santa Fe passenger depot on Commerce street, Dallas, which was begun a few months ago, is rapidly nearing completion. When finished it will be one of the finest structures of the kind in the State. It is built of brick with fine stone trimmings, and is being roofed with slate. The Santa Fe has expended about \$150,000 improving its Dallas property during the last few months.

THE democratic bolters of New York City will support Henry George for mayor in opposition to Van Wyck, the regular democratic nominee.

It is stated that the treasury deficit for the year so far amounts to only \$32,440,927.

It is said that President McKinley has commenced collecting material for his annual message.

THERE are five tickets in the field for the municipal offices in Greater New York and the canvass is gradually warming up.

THERE are said to be three hundred and fifty thousand bicycles in use in New York City.

POLITICIANS are said to be numerous at Dallas and some pretty heavy log-rolling is being done in a quiet way.

HON. W. J. BRYAN has consented to put in the last week prior to the election in stumping Ohio in the interest of the democratic ticket.

THE Kansas City Star says that "the big crowds that greet Bryan wherever he speaks, warrant the conviction that the big wheat crop has not settled the silver question."

MATTERS are becoming serious and complicated for Mark Hanna, and it is said all the federal officials from Ohio are to return home at once and put in their best licks for Mark. He needs assistance.

DAN STUART announces that he has about succeeded in arranging another slugging match between Corbett and Fitzsimmons, to be pulled off in Nevada some time in June or July of next year.

JUDGING from the tone of the State press Joe Sayers is developing considerable strength as a gubernatorial candidate in various parts of the State. He is a straight democrat, who never attempts to hide his light under a bushel.

NELLIE NORMAN, the pretty 23-year-old girl who committed suicide in St. Louis last week by taking a dose of carbolic acid, was Nellie Anderson, a former belle of Fresno, California, where her wealthy parents still reside.

UNCLE SAM has decided to establish a military post and will shortly issue an order creating a military reservation in that portion of Alaska lying within a radius of 50 miles of St. Michaels, with Lieutenant Colonel Randall in command, for the purpose of protecting United States interests in that country.

THE Stockholder, of Philadelphia, Pa., says: "New England is feeling to a very serious extent the competition of the large number of cotton mills established at the south within the past few years. Proximity to the cotton fields, and the large amount of cheap labor obtainable in that section give southern manufacturers a very ponderable advantage in rivalry with the older centers of cotton manufacture. Eight years ago the southern mills were consuming about 546,890 bales of cotton annually, while in the past year actual consumption is estimated at 1,042,671 bales. In other words, the south's manufacturing capacity has doubled within a decade."

THE insurance agents of Texas are also kicking over the payment of the occupation tax levied on them by the last legislature. They want to be let alone while exercising the arbitrary privilege of levying the most exorbitant rates for insurance—so excessive, in fact, as to debar men in moderate circumstances from taking out policies.

COTTON seems to decline a point every time the cable clicks between New York and Liverpool.

THE Athletic club will hold a reception at their headquarters next Thursday evening complimentary to Dr. J. B. York and bride.

### NO HAPPINESS WITHOUT WORK.

Another bubble has broken, exclaims the Brooklyn Eagle. First it was that of the Topolobampo colony, then it was that of Mr. Debs and now it is the scheme of an hundred men who sailed for an island in the South Seas, where there were pretty brown maids who wanted white husbands and would do all the housework, where there was nothing to do but loaf in the shade of palms and bananas and allow ripe fruit to drop into the open mouth and where brooks of lager beer purled softly over coral banks. When the adventurers got to the South Seas they visited a number of islands, but on every one of them discovered that the English and German companies had put up barbed-wire fences and posted notices against trespass. Forty of the men gave up the idea of finding Eden and settled upon the Island of Suval where they will plant bananas and work. The other sixty will go to New Zealand, and if they do not succeed in finding a place where the free lunch is plenty and work difficult to get, they may put back to San Francisco. They will get back here in a more advanced state of wisdom than when they sailed. They will have learned the truth of Heine's aphorism, "There, where thou art not, is happiness."

The fact is there are few places in this world where one can refrain from work, or find happiness without work. Nor work harder than those who think they are not working at all. The leisure class suffers a boredom that is tenfold worse than that endured by the men and women who labor and who in truth are seldom bored at all. They have not time to think about their petty needs and ills, and it is a self-consciousness that gives rise to dissatisfaction. The woman who has nothing to think about but her own blessed back, who spends her time with milliners and dressmakers and in shops and carriages, is unhappy and deserves to be. The woman who has something to do for others is the woman who sings. Life in the tropics is on many accounts easier than life in the temperate districts; fruits grow with little teasing; no coal is required to keep a family warm; there is no incentive to effort; labor is cheap, and all that the white settler has to do is to sit on a veranda. But who wants to lead that sort of life? Nobody with blood in him. A hundred times better is the land of battling gales, the stony hillside, the reluctant farm; for there men put themselves into the soil and get strength back from it. Nothing comes out of the tropics to which those hundred misguided men set sail. The tropics never produced a soldier, an inventor, a writer, an artist, not even a successful shopkeeper. Life that is easy and lazy is a life not worth living.

About 2 o'clock last Wednesday morning fire was discovered in A. I. Worley's general merchandise store at Lexington, in Lee county, destroying five buildings. In a short time F. Vanderworth's saloon, across the street, was ablaze; the next to catch was the two story confectionery and dwelling of Ramsey & Langham; then W. J. Griffith's grocery store below Vanderworth's saloon caught, after that Baine's feed shed, P. W. Jensen's iron blacksmith shop stopping the fire's progress on the south, and the heroic efforts of the bucket brigade prevented E. Zander's store from catching on the north. The losses are as follows: Ramsey & Langham, building, \$1200, insurance \$800; stock, \$1500, insurance \$500; A. I. Worley's stock, \$5000, fixtures, \$200, insurance, \$3000. Vanderworth's stock was about all saved. The building was the property of J. H. Mundine; value, about \$800; no insurance. W. J. Griffith's loss on building and contents was about \$1000; no insurance.

"OUR wagon roads throughout the country," said Bill Nye, "are a disgrace to civilization, and before we undertake to supply underwear and sealskin covered bibles with flexible backs to the Africans, it might be well to put a few dollars into the relief of galled and broken down horses that have lost their health on our miserable highways. The country system, as I know it, is about as poor and inefficient as could be. With a road overseer in each road district, whose duty it is to collect so many days' work or so many dollars from each tax-payer in the district, of course, no tax payer would pay a dollar when he can come and make mud pies on the road all day, and visit and gossip with the neighbors and save his dollar, too. With all due respect to the farmer, I will state right here that he does not know how to make good roads. An All-wise Providence never intended that he should know. The professional road builders, with the money used by our self made road architects, would, in a few years, make roads in the United States over which two or three times the present sized load could be easily drawn, and the dumb beasts of the republic would rise up and call us blessed for doing it."

—A race riot is said to have occurred at Hallville, in Harrison county, on the 19th. The negroes were caught in the act of depre-dating on white men's property and resisted arrest, which brought on the trouble.

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## Carbuncles!

It's the same story. The experience of all sufferers with blood diseases is identical. First the doctors are consulted, and their prescription of potash and mercury is taken faithfully, but without result. Months pass, and the mercurial dose is continued, until finally, his condition being no better, or often worse, the patient becomes discouraged and decides to change treatment.

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Mr. Joseph C. Mygatt, of No. 400 Hancock Ave., Athens, Ga., says: "I contracted blood poison from dye, which developed such alarming symptoms, that my life was almost despaired of. At one time there were fourteen carbuncles on my body, and my suffering was such that for months I was unable to do any work. The best physician in our city treated me constantly, but his efforts were of no avail, my condition growing worse all the while.

"S. S. S. was recommended, and after I had taken the first bottle, an improvement was noticed. I grew better every day, and after taking six bottles I was entirely cured. The carbuncles all disappeared, leaving my skin perfectly clear, and I have never had one since."

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